(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how far it has been found successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Scientists at the National Institute of Virology, Pune are working on Viral Genetics and have cloned pieces of Chikungunya virus in the bacterium Escherechia Coli. The study is in its initial phase and cloning has been successful.

Singur Irrigation Project

2158. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Singur irrigation project in Andhra Pradesh has been transferred to Planning Commission for clearance vide Central Water Commission letter No. 6/88/86-PA (S) dated the 6th July, 1988;

(b) if so, whether the project is pending with the Planning Commission for clearance; and

(c) when was the first project report sent to Central Government by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and when the said project had been considered and found acceptable by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission and what was the updated estimate of the said project?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission recevied the request for formal clearance of the undated estimate of singur Project from Central Water Commission on 21-7-1988. In reply to this the Planning Commission requested Central Water Commission to take into account all pending factors including stipulations by Department of Environment and Forest and prepare a supplementary note for clearance by the Advisory Committee. The project has been subsequently recommended by the Advisory Committee for investment clearance which will be processed by the Planning Commission after the stipulations by the Department of Environment and Forest are complied with.

(c) The Singur project was first received in the Central Water Commission from Government of Andhra Pradesh in 1975. Comments on various aspects of the project including Inter-State aspects, Hydrology cost allocation between water supply and Irrigation were under correspondence with the State between 1975 and 1984 and after protracted correspondence as well as on finalisation of inter State agreement, the project was put up to Advisory Committee which found it techno-economically viable on 3.9.1984 subject to certain conditions. However, in the meanwhile the State Government submitted to Central Water Commission on 7-4.1986 a revised estimate for Rs 89.40 crores which has now been updated to Rs. 104.36 crores by Central Water Commission. The same has been found techno-economically viable at the last meeting of the Advisory Committee held on 25.10.1988. The Central Water Commission has now been advised that only after the stipulations of the Ministry of Environment and Forest have been complied with, the Planning Commission will be in a position to process the project for investment clearance.

Marketing of Banned Estrogen and Progestrone Drugs

2159. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports that Estrogened Progestrone (EP) drug continues to be sold in the open market despite the fact that the drug was banned on June 15, 1988; and